

## News release

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### Weather and tides likely to cause coastal flooding for eastern England

Forecasters at the Met Office are providing the Environment Agency with the very latest weather information, ahead of a predicted storm surge down the North Sea.

A combination of north-westerly winds exceeding 50 m.p.h., low pressure and high tides could lead to severe flooding in the east of England. Areas at greatest risk are the Broads and the coast south of Great Yarmouth including Lowestoft and Felixstowe.

People living in the affected areas should call the Environment Agency Floodline on 0845 988 1188 for the latest flood warnings in their area. For advice on how to prepare for flooding, tune into local radio and TV stations and keep an eye on local weather conditions.

Stewart Wortley, Head of Storm Tide Forecasting at the Met Office said: "the height of the surge we are expecting on Friday morning happens around once every 20 years or so. The gale force winds should ease during tomorrow."

Paul Woodcock, Environment Agency Regional Director said: "We are concerned that the current weather and tides could lead to flooding especially in the Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Broads area. We would like people to especially think about any vulnerable neighbours. If we do confirm the risk of flooding in your area later today, please consider how you could help them to prepare for flooding as well."

Flood warnings are updated every 15 minutes on the [Environment Agency website](#) which also contains help and advice on how to prepare for flooding.

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